

John Smith of I Blank Street Nowhere in the County of Wessex Builder and Contractor make oath and say as follows—"In the case of an affirmation, the words should be amended to, say, "do solemnly and sincerely affirm as follows—."

A statutory declaration should commence: "I John Smith of i Blank Street Nowhere in the County of Wessex Builder and Contractor do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows—" and should conclude: "And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835."

Every affidavit and declaration must be signed by the deponent or declarant. It need not necessarily correspond with the names appearing at the commencement of the affidavit, but can be the person's usual signature. For example, a deponent whose name is given in his affidavit as "Percy Augustus Smith Wilkinson" can sign "P. A. S. Wilkinson" or "Percy A. S. Wilkinson" if either of these is his usual signature.

The certificate of the commissioner for oaths is known as a "jurat." It is usually inserted with blanks for the date and place of swearing or declaring.

A usual form of jurat—as completed by a commissioner for oaths—would be—

John
Smith